

adopt. The congregation council shall be composed of all male members of the congregation in good standing who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who have complied with its rules and regulations. The central board of trustees shall elect one of their number as president of said board, who shall preside at all meetings and whose duty it shall be to execute all deeds and other contracts as may be directed by the said board. They shall also elect a secretary and treasurer, who may be one and the same person, and may or may not be a member of said board of trustees.

Congregation council.

Organization of central board.

"Sec. 5. The spiritual affairs of said congregation shall be managed by a board of elders, called the central board of elders, which shall be composed according to and be governed by such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the congregation council.

Central board of elders.

"Sec. 6. Should the members of either of the above boards, for any cause, fail to be elected as provided, this corporation shall not be thereby dissolved, but the outgoing members shall hold over until their successors are elected.

Elders and trustees to hold until successors appointed.

"Sec. 7. Whenever it is deemed expedient to divide the congregation, it shall be lawful, by and with the consent of a majority of the members present of the home church, first obtained in regular meeting called for that purpose, for them so to do, by setting apart as a separate church any of the churches or chapels that may belong to and form part of the said corporation, provided the same be done with the assent of a majority of the persons entitled to vote, as aforesaid, who shall belong to such church or chapel intended to be set apart, and who shall attend a meeting to consider such separation, after at least ten days' notice previously given for that purpose in the said church or chapel, during or immediately after divine service; and such separation, so assented to by the board of provincial elders and the Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and its Vicinity, shall take effect according to the terms agreed upon between the parties; and the members of the congregation of such church or chapel so separated shall immediately thereafter cease to be members of the corporation of the Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and its Vicinity, above mentioned, and may, if they so desire, proceed to incorporate themselves according to law as a separate congregation of the Moravian Church, or *Unitas Fratrum*; and, whether so incorporated or not, may receive from the corporation of the Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and its Vicinity any grant, conveyance or gift of any chapel or other real or personal estate for its separate use, and may hold and enjoy the same accordingly, as fully and beneficially as any such religious body or corporation can hold and enjoy its temporalities, howsoever the same may be acquired.

Division of congregation.

Meeting for consideration of separation.

Effect of separation.